

## Village Council to Hold Special Meeting Regarding Change of Assessment Rates

The regular meeting of the council of the Village of Irma was held at 8:00 p.m. January 12, 1950, in the village office.

Present—Mayor C. P. Jones, and Councillors W. Symington and W. N. Frickelton.

Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as written.

Correspondence from the department of education—filed.

Department of Public Health re composition of local boards of health.

By-law No. 156 for the purpose of providing grants of \$10.00 (ten dollars) to each of the following: Salvation Army, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, and the Wood's Christian Homes, was read and passed its first, second and third and final readings.

By-law No. 155 providing for the appointment of A. C. Charter as returning officer for the year 1950 passed its first, second and third and final readings.

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Frickelton—That the audited financial statement for the year 1949 be printed and copy mailed to each ratepayer as per section 97(5) (b) Town and Village Act.

Symington—That the annual meeting of ratepayers as provided for in section 122 Town and Village Act, be held in Hedley's hall to commence at 8:00 p.m. on February 13, 1950, and that this meeting be advertised in the Irma Times.

A discussion followed regarding proposed substitution of a business tax in place of the existing personal property tax.

It was decided to hold a special meeting of the council to examine

more fully the proposed change and study the proposed schedule of assessment rates as relating to various businesses, trades and professions.

By-law 157 amending by-law 119 providing for a personal property tax for school purposes was amended as follows:

That the words "School and" in Clause 1, appearing after the word "for" be struck out; and that this amendment to by-law 119 to have effect as from January 1, 1950.

By-law 157 passed its first, second and third and final readings.

Financial statement for the month of December as at December 31, 1949.

Receipts, December ..... \$ 239.28

Disbursements, December 2,922.88

Municipal balance, Bank

of Montreal, Cr. .... 5,275.79

Outstanding cheque ..... 48.75

Cash on hand ..... 100.00

Agrie. Trust, Cr. .... 422.01

Cemetery Trust ..... 142.02

Jones—That statement be

accepted and following accounts be

passed for payment:

K. R. Dawson, rink and

night watchman ..... \$ 125.00

A. C. Charter, salary, Etc.

for December ..... 77.80

Fire Insurance Premium

on policy No. 99125..... 21.57

Irma Times ..... 11.00

Irma Blacksmith and

Machine Shop ..... 2.00

C. Anquist, fuel oil ..... 23.72

Imperial Lumber Co. Hdwe

U.G.G., coal, rink ..... 10.70

Canadian National Institute

for Blind, grant ..... 10.00

Salvation Army, grant ..... 10.00

Wood's Christian Homes

grant ..... 10.00

P. E. Jones, elec. supplies

(Bruce Robinson) ..... 9.44

Alberta Telephones ..... 5.40

Workmen's Comp. Board

1950 assessment ..... 9.03

Fire equipment examined.

Frickelton—That meeting ad-

journal.

## Jarrow News

Word was received last week of the death of Simon Kennedy in an Edmonton hospital on January 11. Mr. Kennedy, who was 78 years old at the time of his death was well known and respected in the Jarrow district, having farmed for many years north of town. For the past while he had been residing at the Eventide Home in the city. His wife predeceased him several years ago. A brother in Ontario mourns his loss.

Donald Dagg, of the RCAF, has returned to Camp Borden, Ont., after having spent his holiday leave at the G. Theroux home, and at the J. M. Holt's in the city.

We are glad to hear that little Eugene Lloyd, who was a patient at the Viking hospital for about two weeks, was able to return to his home last Thursday.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Whidden on the birth of a son at the Wainwright hospital on December 31.

Quite a number of the Batts pups have had enforced holidays due to measles and chicken pox.

## Battle River W.I. Program

Place of Meeting and Hostesses

January—Mrs. Ralph King;

Mrs. Ralph King, Mrs. A. Bacon.

February—Mrs. Sanders; Mrs.

Savard, Mrs. Steele.

March—Mrs. Enger; Mrs. El-

liott, Mrs. Sanders.

April—Mrs. Dempsey; Mrs. En-

ger, Mrs. Barton; Mrs. Cook,

Mrs. Dootson.

June—Mrs. Stougaard; Mrs. Pas-

cha, Mrs. Patterson.

Roll Call

February—Valentine Exchange.

March—Embarrassing Mo-

ments.

April—Guess size of your right

hand shoe.

March—Baking hint.

June—Most useful article in my

kitchen.

Draw

January—Mrs. McFarland.

February—Mrs. Alf Bacon.

March—Mrs. Fenton.

April—Mrs. Morse.

May—Mrs. Elliott.

June—Mrs. King.

Program

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March—Mrs. Steele.

April—Mrs. Patterson.

May—Mrs. Savard.

June—Mrs. Pascha.

Rink Personnel

The Irma Curling Club consists

of three ladies rinks and fourteen

men's. The personnel is as follows:

Ladies' Rinks

Mrs. Sather, Mrs. Hines, Mrs.

Pond, Marney Kennedy.

Mrs. Smallwood, Mrs. Sonett,

Mrs. R. McFarland Sr., Mrs. R.

McFarland Jr.

Mrs. Anquist, Mrs. S. Fenton,

Miss C. Milne, Mrs. A. Darke.

Men's Rinks

D. Simmerman, D. Hockett, S.

Pierce, Norma Gulltner.

C. Milne, E. Prosser, D. Gunn,

Ted Hill.

C. Smallwood, V. Torrance, N.

McLaughlin, C. Sonett Sr.

I. Hardy, J. Bars, L. Bars, H.

Bars.

Milt Younker, C. Younker, F.

Younker, Hazel Younker.

R. B. Kirkman, S. Fenton, S.

Hynka, A. Cairns.

S. Brown, R. McFarland, W.

Enger, N. Bozak.

H. Black, S. Savard, E. Shar-

key, R. Larson.

M. Knudson, P. Spring, H. Fu-

der, O. Spring.

N. McMillan, Geo. Fischer, Mr.

G. Fischer, Mr. N. McMillan.

S. Knowles, I. Bolger, A. Fir-

kus, R. Dempsey.

W. Frickelton, C. Anquist, A.

C. Archibald, E. Blanchard.

C. Jones, R. Ramsay, W. Sym-

ington, G. Jones.

H. Riley, S. Reeds, O. Nissen,

Mrs. H. Riley.

## Glen-Coa Gleanings

"East—West, home is best." Our good neighbors, these days, are finding home the very best place of all. Therefore news is rare since the Christmas activities.

However we have heard that Mr. L. Hollinger, accompanied by Mr. E. R. Erickson, motored to Edmonton last week.

Mr. R. T. Meakins is home again from the hospital and seems much improved.

We are sorry to report Mrs. A. Reitan had to return to Hardisty hospital again since Christmas.

Mr. M. Reitan drove home from Camrose last week-end.

## Northern Nuggets

The British and Foreign Bible Society collected sixty dollars in the Albert district.

Friends of Mr. H. H. Currie will be glad to know that his condition is somewhat improved and that he will have the cast put on his leg sometime this week.

Edgar Jones, Neil McMillan and George Fischer are some of the local curlers who are taking part in the Viking bonspiel.

The Buffalo Coulee W.I. is holding a card party and dance at Albert school on Friday, January 27. Cards start at 8:30 p.m. sharp.

## To Extend Program For Road Marking

Road signing on secondary highways will be extended in Alberta next year, it was stated at the recent annual meeting of the Alberta Motor Association in Edmonton.

Extensive work was done this year, particularly on highways in the southern part of the province. An outlay of \$2,400 was made on road marking by the Calgary branch of the AMA.

The provincial board of the AMA allocated \$1,000 for road marking in southern Alberta, this being in addition to work carried on by the Lethbridge branch.

The provincial board also erected two large directional signs, located on highways at the ports of entry at Coult and Carway, at a total cost of \$1,400.

In the north, a limited program was carried on by the Edmonton branch. It is the intention to expand this considerably in the new year to meet the demands of steadily increasing traffic.

More adequate road signing has been urged at previous meetings of the AMA. Particular attention has been drawn to conditions in southern Alberta, which is the region which many U.S. tourists enter first in visiting Alberta.

Officials of the AMA are confident that a much greater mileage of secondary highways will be well marked in 1950. The marking of main highways is carried out by the provincial public works department.

## GERMINATION TESTS NEEDED

According to a statement from the Agricultural Department of National Grain, many samples of wheat seed submitted by farmers for germination tests are testing below 75 per cent. In oats and barley the situation is even more serious.

Farmers are urged to have free germination tests made on their seed grain, to ensure satisfactory results with their 1950 crops.

National Grain officials emphasize that due to drought, second growth, hail and frost during the past growing season, tests this year indicate that a very serious seed condition exists in Western Canada, particularly in the northern areas of Saskatchewan and Alberta, while many other districts are also showing poor results.

There is no charge made for germination tests. Farmers should take not less than a 6-oz. sample of their seed grain to the local National Grain Manager, who will forward the seed for testing.

## Church News

### UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, January 21

Sunday school—11:00 a.m.

Worship Service—7:30 p.m.

"Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust." Psalm 40:5.

H. W. Inglis, Minister.

### AVONGLEN GOSPEL MISSION

For week of January 22-28

Sunday

11:00 a.m.—Sunday school and adult Bible class.

Tuesday:

7:30 p.m.—Fellowship and prayer service, with continued Bible study on "The drama of the ages."

Place to be announced at Sunday school.

Watchman, what of the night? ... What of the night?"

Isa. 21:11.

"Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh.... Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping." Mark 13:35-36.

You are cordially invited to every service.

Rev. R. E. Oswald.

## Public School Holds Spiel

The Irma public school held a bonspiel on Saturday last. In spite of the bitter weather the youngsters played with zest and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Six rinks competed. The Grand Challenge was won by Billy Masson's rink and the Consolation by Ernie Owen's.

Those taking part were W. Masson, R. Dunbar, Norma Dawson, Jeanette Pond, E. Owen, Shirley Pyle, Tim Worthington, Grace Pascha, G. Inglis, B. Dawson, J. Hill, J. Hines, Norma Lewis, E. Nelson, sub players Alan Wynd, Rita Fenton, Scott Larson, Pat Enger, Shirley Mae Brown, Norman Nissen, J. Cook, Garth Tomlinson, Carolyn Morse.

A banquet was held in the evening.

## Kinsella and District News Items

### MR. R. STEVENS

Kinsella lost a much respected resident when Mr. R. Stevens passed away on Saturday, Jan. 7, in the Viking hospital.

Mr. Stevens was born at Winslow, Glos., England in October 1884 and at the time of his death was 65 years old. He joined the Imperial Army in 1902 and saw service in Africa and India. He was on active service in World War I, in eastern Europe. He also served with the RCAF in Canada in World War 2.

He came to Canada in 1926 and farmed south-east of Kinsella for a number of years. For the last four and a half years he has been janitor of the Kinsella schools.

The members of the Kinsella Legion conducted the funeral service and the Rev. E. N. P. Orme, Padre of the Legion, officiated. The pall bearers were Cdes. D. Corbett, A. Whidden, J. Smith, C. Barker, R. Arkinstall and J. McKie.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his four grand children, one sister, Mrs. A. Jones of Gloster Shike, England.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. Anderson, nee Jean Wilkinson, on the birth of a daughter, Karen Jeanne, and also to Mr. and Mrs. widow, four sons, Joseph of Calgary, John of Sedgewick, and George and Stanley of Kinsella, two daughters, Mrs. G. Witts and Mrs. A. Squair, both of Calgary. A. E. Winfield on the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Corbett and Mr. and Mrs. L. Arkinstall of Edmonton were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Corbett.

A west bound freight train was wrecked two miles east of Kinsella early Saturday morning at 12:30 a.m. Seven cars and cabooses left the track, caused by a broken rail and rolled down a twenty foot embankment. The conductor and brakeman were in the caboose and received a severe shaking up.

## WAINWRIGHT CLINIC

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WAINWRIGHT, Alberta

Physicians and Surgeons

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J. E. Bradley, M.D.

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J. D. Wallace, M.D.

Orthopaedics and Traumatic

Surgery

G. M. Asch, M.D.

General Medicine

Dental Surgery

O. S. Hauck, D.D.S.

—Phone 327—

Irma Office

Every Thursday from 2 p.m. to

5 p.m. Appointments to be made at

IRMA DRUGS

D. A. MATHIESON, R.O.

Optometrist

205 Birks Bldg. Edmonton

Will be in

IRMA

At IRMA DRUG STORE

January 25 in the Morning

For appointments see

MR. FRICKELTON

VIKING

At VIKING DRUG

January 24

For appointments see

MR. STILES

KILLAM

At LACKEY'S DRUG

January 26

For appointments see

MR. LACKEY

G. F. WILLOUGHBY

Optometrist

At WAINWRIGHT

Every Saturday

Appointments at Walker's Jewelry

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank the many friends who have been so very kind, during my father's recent illness and bereavement. He did enjoy the flowers, letters, cards and fruit so much, and we are grateful to you for making his last days happier. I especially wish to thank Lucille Touchette and family, Mrs. Gulltner, Mrs. Symington and Mrs. Zoost for their great kindness. We are also very grateful for the many letters and cards of sympathy we have received.

Mrs. G. Hurst and Family.

The regular infant and pre-school clinic will be held at the Irma rest room on Friday, Jan. 27.

## A. C. CHARTER

IRMA ALBERTA

Provincial Treasury Branch Agent

Authorized Agent to receive de-

posits from the public and extend

other Treasury Branch facilities.

Alberta Government Insurance

and Hall Insurance

Agent for:

British American Assurance Co.

Portage LaPrairie Mutual Co.

Pearle Assurance Company

Messie and Renwick Ltd.

Smeltzer and Co., etc.

## PURVIS and JOHNSTON



## The Merchant Navy

CANADA'S OCEAN-GOING MERCHANT FLEET won well-deserved fame during the war, and since that time has carried many thousands of tons of food and other supplies to countries where the need for these things was great. Recently however, the cost of maintaining Canadian merchant ships, which is higher than that of any other country with the exception of the United States, gave rise to a recommendation by the Canadian Maritime Commission that the size of the fleet be drastically reduced. It has been proposed that only 40 of the ships now under Canadian registry be kept in operation, instead of the 218 ships which have been registered in Canada.

### Costs High In Canada

The daily cost of operating a Canadian merchant ship is estimated to be \$810.50. Only in the United States is this figure exceeded. There the daily cost per ship is \$725.52, and part of this cost is borne by the government. Before the last devaluation of the pound, the cost to Britain of maintaining the same type of ship was only \$528.46, while it cost Norway \$506.68 and the Netherlands \$482.18. It is clear from these figures that Canadian ships would have difficulty in competing for cargoes with ships from those countries where the operating costs are substantially lower.

### Many Reasons For Regret

In view of these facts it has been proposed by the authorities that all but forty ships of the present Canadian merchant fleet be allowed to seek British registry and consequently operate more economically at the British rate. The forty ships remaining to Canada would be temporarily subsidized by the government at a yearly cost of from \$20,000 to \$30,000. There are many reasons to regret that it has been necessary to consider such a plan, for the merchant fleet not only fulfills its purpose of carrying cargoes, but it is one arm of the nation's defense establishment. However, economic laws cannot be ignored, and cargoes will be carried by ships with the lowest operating costs. Canadians will regret to see the merchant navy, which played so gallant a part in the war, drastically reduced, but it is to be hoped that world economic conditions may in the future be such that it can again be expanded.

## PILES

Don't suffer any longer. For quick relief—treat painful piles with medicated Dr. Chase's Ointment. Soothes in 15 minutes. Safe home treatment for over 50 years.

### DR. CHASE'S Antiseptic OINTMENT

### Find Gold Nuggets In Wild Duck

AMERICAN FALLS, Idaho. — Young Ruben Butler shot a duck that might have laid a golden egg. Butler gave the duck to a friend, who passed it on to his neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Sweet. As Mrs. Sweet dressed the bird she accidentally spilled contents of the gizzard—and out rolled five pieces of the raw gold.

The largest nugget, she said, was as wide as the broad end of a toothpick and a quarter of an inch long. Said her 78-year-old husband: "All my life I wanted to discover gold. Reckon this is as close as we will ever come. Sure would give a nugget to know where that duck came from."

Western Co-eds Go Through University Cheaper

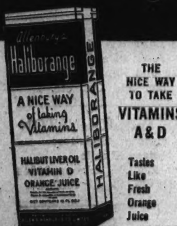
VANCOUVER.—Co-eds at the University of British Columbia get through university more cheaply than women students at any other Canadian university, says a report by the National Federation of Canadian University Students. It costs a woman student \$816 a year, including \$195 tuition fees.

Even the lowest forms of life can learn to be taught to do things.



many mothers are glad they discovered

Haliborange

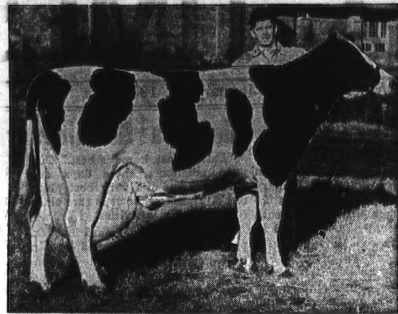


Children don't know that they are "taking their vitamins" when they drink Haliborange. With water added they think it's extra good orange juice, for that's just what it tastes like.

Build-up your children's resistance to winter colds and flu with Haliborange.

50 c. 50¢ 10 c. \$1.50 20 c. \$2.75 From All Druggists

## World's Junior Champion



Tranquille Canary Yale Fleeta, Holstein heifer, bred at Tranquille, B.C., and owned by University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, the new world's champion Junior two-year-old for both milk and fat in the 305-day twice-a-day milking division. She gave 18,084 pounds of milk containing 692 pounds of butterfat.

## N.H.L. Sport Notes

### Only Six Without A Penalty

Up to December 23 there were only six regulars in the National Hockey League who had not received a single penalty this season. The six players who have yet to suit the penalty box are Bill Quackenbush and Ed Kryzhanowski, Boston; Don Raleigh and Pentti Lund, Rangers; Red Hamill, Chicago and Harry Watson, Toronto. Paul Ronny of Boston incurred his first penalty of the season on December 21 against Chicago.

### Four Teams In 1½ Seasons

Bud Poile, 190-pound right-winger recently purchased by Boston Bruins from New York Rangers, has played for four National League clubs in one-and-a-half seasons. Poile started out last season with Chicago and was traded shortly after the season opened to Detroit. He finished the season with Detroit but was sold to New York Rangers during the summer. Then on December 23 Rangers sold him to Boston Bruins. Before being traded to Chicago at the start of the 1947-48 season Bud played for Toronto Maple Leafs. He has worn the jerseys of five of the six N.H.L. clubs since he entered the League in 1942-43. Montreal Canadiens are the only team he hasn't played for.

### Harry "Pony Boy" Lumley

Ever since the story appeared in The Hockey News about Harry Lumley, Detroit's ace goalie wearing cowboy boots, he has been receiving a lot of good-natured teasing from players and fans. Tommy Ivan, Detroit coach, plans to give Harry a ten-gallon hat for Christmas to go along with the boots. The next time Harry skates out on the Chicago Stadium ice, organizer Al Melgard plans to play "Pony Boy".

Consecutive Game Record Ended

Kenny Smith of the Boston Bruins, had his consecutive game streak ended on Dec. 21. He had played in 237 consecutive games, longest stretch of any player active in the League to date, before a groin pull necessitated him missing the Boston-Chicago game of December 21.

### PRINCESS MARGARET NAMED CANADIAN REGIMENT CHIEF

OTTAWA.—Princess Margaret has been appointed colonel-in-chief of the Highland Light Infantry regiment of Canada, with headquarters in Galt, Ont. It was announced by Hon. Brooke Claxton, defence minister. Princess Margaret already is colonel-in-chief of the Scottish Highland Light Infantry, City of Glasgow regiment, with which the Canadian regiment is allied.

### MOUNTIES' BIRTH DATE

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police—first known as the Northwest Mounted Police—was organized in the year 1873.

### SMALL BUT POWERFUL

A newcomer in the battery-radio field is small enough to fit into the palm of a hand and has a 100-mile reception range.

### How I Subdued Wild Fiery Itch—

Dr. Donnie's instantly fast relief—D. D. Donnie's famous "Itch" ointment. This ointment is the most powerful and effective remedy for itching, whether caused by eczema, psoriasis, rashes, athlete's foot, hives, or any other skin condition. It is a first-class ointment for the treatment of all itching conditions. It is sold in 10¢ and 25¢ bottles. (Prescription (ordinary or extra strength) now.)

### THE TILERS

HUNK ISN'T AS INDIFFERENT AS HE PRETENDS, OR HE WOULDN'T HAVE INVITED ME TO A MOVIE TONIGHT!

GOLLY, YOU SURE LOOK FURRY TONIGHT, MISS LORENA!

WHY, THANK YOU, KIND SIR?

YOU MADE ME AWFUL HAPPY WHEN YOU AGREED TO GO TO THE MOVIES WITH ME!

IT'S NICE OF YOU TO SAY THAT, HUNK!

YOU SEE, IT'S BANK NIGHT AND I HAVE TWICE AS MANY CHANCES TO WIN IF I BUY TWO TICKETS!

## Demand For Wheat Expected To Drop

OTTAWA.—A 1950 decline in the world demand for wheat was forecast by the Bureau of Statistics. With improved crops in most importing countries, there will be less need for shipping in the world wheat bins and the Bureau believes that, as a result, there will be smaller exports from the four major exporters—Canada, the United States, Australia and Argentina.

Using estimates it has received from the United States agriculture department, the Bureau said exports from the four major producers during the current crop year may total \$50,000,000 bushels—down from 908,000,000 in 1948-49 and 893,000,000 in 1947-48.

Russia, along with other minor exporters, may throw between 50,000 and 75,000,000 bushels on the market—compared with about 50,000,000 in each of the last two crop years.

Looking over 1950 crop conditions, the Bureau said conditions looked good in most parts of the world. A good harvest is forecast for Australia and the Argentine. A "substantial" exportable surplus is forecast for the U.S.

But it was "too early to make any serious predictions" about Canada's 1950 wheat crop. Wheat acreage in Canada, in 1949, at about 27,000,000 acres, was "at a fairly high level."

Because of price and weather factors, large acreage which previously had been devoted to flaxseed, rye, oats and barley, were diverted to wheat.

"Although no great change in Canadian wheat acreage now is anticipated for 1950," said the Bureau, "extremes in the supply or soil moisture in the spring or changes in the price outlook by seeding time may alter the picture considerably."

### Canadians Buy More Life Insurance

OTTAWA.—Canadians bought \$1,600,000,000 worth of life insurance in 1949, says H. L. Guy, president of the Canadian Life Insurance Officers' association.

He said that in 1949 there was less than \$100 of life insurance in force for each person in Canada, and today there is more than \$1,000 a person.

Mr. Guy said 25 times more life insurance was put in force in Canada in 1949 than in 1899, although in that time the population has increased by only about three times.

Mr. Guy went on to say: "When any new social security plans are given consideration, great care should be taken to establish their need and the degree of their encroachment on fields being served efficiently by private insurers. Such plans should be subject to searching actuarial studies and the true costs to the individual revealed."

Miss Senda Berenson, physical education instructor at Smith women's college, is responsible for the rules used in women's basketball.

## Farmers Realize \$1,794,200,000 In First Nine Months Of 1949

OTTAWA.—Cash flowed onto Canadian farms to the tune of \$1,794,200,000 in the first nine months of 1949. Higher payments for wheat, coarse grains, tobacco, cattle and calves, coupled with increased payments from the Canadian wheat board, raised the farmers' income for the first three-quarters of the year 2.5 per cent. higher than the 1948 figure of \$1,749,200,000 and 40.9 per cent. over the \$1,273,600,000 realized in the first nine months of 1947.

Income in the third quarter totaled \$730,155,000, down \$97,600,000 from the same period of 1948. However, in the first quarter the total was up \$412,894,000 from \$380,000,000 a year earlier and in the second quarter was \$651,434,000 compared with \$641,345,000.

Larger payments by the Canadian wheat board, totalling some \$218,000,000, were mainly responsible for the over-all increase. The payments mostly were in the form of equalization payments made on wheat deliv-

ered by western farmers from August, 1945, to March, 1949. Increased income from wheat sales resulted from higher prices and increased marketing rather than a decline in prices.

Cash income from sales of grains, seeds and hay in the first nine months of this year totalled \$686,086,000 compared with \$558,413,000 in the corresponding period last year. Income from sale of livestock—\$632,700,000—was slightly above last year's total of \$625,189,000, the greatest gain occurring in cattle and calves.

A decline in the marketing of hogs during the same period more than offset an increase in prices to lower livestock income 6.3 per cent.

Income from sales of dairy products during the nine-month period was approximately \$277,000,000 compared with \$308,000,000 in the same period of 1948. A drop of 8.2 per cent. in cash returns from the sale of eggs to the end of September was largely due to a decline in marketing. Income from the sale of vegetables and other field crops was down slightly at \$110,523,000 compared with \$111,573,000.

Income from the sale of products for the nine months in western provinces, with 1948 figures bracketed: Saskatchewan \$408,799,000 (\$378,880,000); Alberta \$334,498,000 (\$302,655,000); Manitoba \$198,057,000 (\$128,424,000); British Columbia \$64,438,000 (\$64,577,000).

### France Pays Canadian Debt

OTTAWA.—France handed Canada a cheque for \$11,000,000, marking the second successive year she has promptly met an instalment on a \$242,000,000 post-war loan.

The loan was part of the \$1,800,000,000 in credits Canada extended to a number of countries following the Second World War.

### Spain To Buy Canadian Wheat

OTTAWA.—Canadian shippers have completed a deal to ship 300,000 bushels of wheat to Spain, a well-informed source has disclosed.

This is the first such deal with France Spain in more than a decade.

### TRY AND STOP ME!

By BENNETT CERF

Stanley Frank and Paul Sann tell a classic story about a cub reporter in Johnston, Pa., at the time of the disastrous flood in 1889. The first dash reached the nearest big-time newspaper office late at night when only this newest addition to the staff—a drowsy youth just out of school—was on duty. The editor hustled him to the scene of the catastrophe, and spent the next hour in a frenzied effort to get his veteran-reporters on the job.

By then it was too late, however. All wires were down, and the valley was isolated. For 20 hours the only reporter in the devastated area was one green beginner!

The press of America waited feverishly for his first report. Finally it began to trickle in over the telephone. "God sits upon a lonely mountain tonight and gazes down upon a desolate Johnstown. The roar of swirling waters echoes through..."

The editor tore his hair, and rushed a wire back to his post-telegraph: "Okay. Forget flood. Interview God. Rush pictures."



My MAGIC pastry rates cheers!

MAGIC CHICKEN TURNOVERS

Combine and chill 1½ c. finely-diced cooked chicken, ½ c. medium-thick white sauce. Mix and sift into bowl, 2 c. once-sifted pastry flour (or 1½ c. once-sifted hard-wheat flour), 3 tsp. Magic Baking Powder, ¼ tsp. salt, 1 tbs. granulated sugar. Cut in finely, 3 tbs. shortening. Mix 1 beaten egg and ¼ c. milk. Make a well in dry ingredients and pour in liquid and mix lightly with a fork. Roll dough out to ¼" thickness; cut into 4" squares. Place about 2 tbs. chicken mixture on each square, near corner. Fold dough over diagonally, making triangles. Seal edges by pressing with fork tines; prick tops. Bake on greased pan in hot oven, 450°; 15 min. or until golden brown.





## OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

## MISS SUSIE'S INDEPENDENCE

By MARY G. SWINSON

IT WAS a shock to me, of course, to find Miss Susie Brown lying dead in her bed. But we had all expected it and talked it over with the church and county officials. There had to be a funeral of some sort and a place to put her.

Miss Susie had been a town institution all my life and my mother's life before me and it was just as natural that the town would feel a responsibility for burying her as it would for keeping the grass cut around the monument downtown.

Our town was a small one and, being off the big new national highway, it hadn't grown much during my lifetime and we were all pretty closely knit. The county did what it could for Miss Susie in her last years and the churches asked as regularly for donations for her as they did for foreign missions. It was lucky in the long run for Miss Susie, I guess, that she had no special church affiliation and they all contributed; although mama and I always suspected a Methodist persuasion. It was not a Baptist persuasion, you see. We Baptists and knew that.

When Miss Susie first came to our town as a young girl, nobody ever knew from where or why. She cooked for my grandmother. Grandma had a weakness for strays—dogs, cats and folks—but Miss Susie lasted the longest, three generations.

After Grandma died, Miss Susie's first real independence began and it was a heavy draught. Selling religious books became her most thrilling adventure and the fact that we bought them only to support Miss Susie never seemed to slow up her desire for independence. Methodists, Baptists and Episcopalians alike bought her books and we strongly suspected that she spread her religious sympathies pretty evenly. I know I can remember sitting on the floor avidly thumbing the flamboyantly colored Bible pictures, watching her little possum eyes flash and hearing her say to Mama: "Now, Mary, it says here just as plain as the nose on your face that Jesus went down into the River Jordan and lifted up the water and poured it on 'em, but don't you never tell no Baptist I told you so 'cause they wouldn't buy my books."

It turned out that she was Mama's special care and worry. After Grandma was gone and I guess she must have had some of Grandma's feeling for strays too because Mama was the one who launched her on her most important career. Maybe Mama felt that if Miss Susie had to have her independence we might as well benefit from it. Anyhow, when I was a skinny-legged tomboy of seven or eight, when I recognized her flat-headed, deliberate stride coming down the street and saw the big, deep box clutched tightly under an angular shoulder and sniffed peach blossoms in the air, I knew Spring had really come. We all dropped fascinating play to rush for the parlor; for there would be spread out linen linens, valencienne, fine damasks and colored rick-racks—things which pointed to Easter and party

dresses and occasionally left-overs for doll dresses. Advice was handed out unasked and for the greater part unheeded, but I can always remember that the dominant part of it was: "Now, Sally, always be independent—'you'll be thought more of, if you do.'" And I was years realizing that that same advice stood me in good stead.

The summer when Jack Davis came to visit my brother and I was 18, you'd have thought I'd have known better at that age; but I made the same calves' eyes and stuttered the same as the rest of the town girls did over him. We'd never seen a boy so handsome and gay. It was the time of the year when Miss Susie was taking orders for Christmas and I sat dreamily by; one eye on the window with visions of broad, masculine shoulders and sparkling blue eyes running through my head. I can hear Miss Susie now, her sharp features reflecting shadows on tired, sunken cheeks: "Mary, all my girls are growing up 'round here and I'm sort of expecting to sell goods for a wedding dress about next Spring. But what gets me is how this young Jack feller could pick any one of

these town girls he'd happen to want. Now, if I was a young girl and liked him, I'd be independent."

Of course, I knew Miss Susie was old and foolish and, as far as we knew, had never had a beau in her life but it was a funny thing; after that, whenever Jack was around I just couldn't make a fuss over him and next Spring Miss Susie was talking to Mama about my wedding dress.

Well, a couple of years later, Miss Susie began to fail. She was living over Watson's store in a clean-scrubbed bare room that the county paid for. The Baptists took her milk, the Methodists butter, and Mr. Watson gave her bread and other staples. Mama and I kept her in lace and the visiting ladies bought them. That kept Miss Susie's independence . . . and she kept her accounts in a little book that was always in a box on the foot of her bed. That was her business office and nobody was allowed to open that box. The day I'd told her about the baby coming next Spring, she got me to hand her the box and wrote down the kinds of laces I'd need and had me put it carefully back in place.

Mama was so excited about preparations for the first grandchild that she almost forgot to send Miss Susie's Christmas laces. "Sally," she said, "would those steps up to Miss Susie be too much for you?" The poor old soul will want to see you and talk over the baby's laces with you."

At first, I thought Miss Susie was asleep. Jack was worried afterwards for fear the shock had upset me too much, but it didn't . . . she looked so peaceful with a little lace on her face and I guess happier than she had in life; I always thought so anyhow. I sent for Mama and the town ladies and they all sat around with genuine sorrow for Miss Susie. Then they got her pitiful possessions together.

By common consent, Mama was given the box at the foot of the bed to open. She spread out on the foot of the old iron bedstead, an old pin Grandma had given her, her account book, a small Bible and a Methodist hymn book. Then Mama read aloud some printing on the back of an old envelope.

It said: "This will keep me out of a pauper's grave." Inside was \$600 in cash.

Some of the ladies at first looked indignant . . . "Living on charity all this time," they said. Others mostly looked pleased. That she had a treasured hymn book of her own was a legitimate claim.

She must have been a Methodist.

But Mama and I were both happy. Mama said: "I'm so glad the baby's laces came; Miss Susie'd like that. Sally, we'll get her a lot at the cemetery and buy her a nice hearse." No wonder Miss Susie had a smile on her face; she'd kept her independence.

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BEEF PIE

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**Biscuit Dough**  
Two cups flour, 3 teaspoons baking powder, ¾ teaspoon salt, 4 tablespoons shortening, ½ cup milk (about).

**Meat Mixture**  
Slice onions and pour boiling water over them and let stand while preparing meat. Combine broth, beef, salt, potatoes, carrots, tapioca and drained onions and place in a well-greased two-quart casserole or baking dish. Bake one-half hour in a moderately hot oven (375 deg. F.). Remove and place biscuit dough on top.

**Biscuit Dough**  
Sift flour, then measure. Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. Cut shortening into dry ingredients with a pastry blender or two knives. Add the liquid all at once and stir in with a fork on a slightly floured board. Pat the dough out to ¼-inch thickness; fold and repeat procedure twice again. Shape dough in 12 top of case, and place over meat mixture. Continue baking for ¾ hour in moderately hot oven (375 deg. F.).

Iowa claims the largest proportion of arable land. 2863

## Explosives "Talk" To Oil Men

Seismic Crews Cover Prairies With Bursts In Search For Oil



—Central Press Canadian.

(Central Press Canadian)

Much of the guess work is being taken out of oil exploration in Alberta and Saskatchewan these days by the use of one of mankind's greatest servants—commercial explosives—in seismic prospecting.

This method of determining the nature of underlying strata consists of creating artificial earth vibrations by blasting and recording them by means of seismometers—highly sensitive instruments similar to those employed in recording earthquakes. Almost 100 seismographic crews are searching for new oil fields in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Two recognized methods of seismic prospecting are used: Refraction and reflection. The refraction method deals with the transmission speed of earth vibrations through underlying formations. It is used largely to detect and map large geological structures. Seismometers are generally placed from six to 10 miles away from the point where the explosion charge is shot.

The reflection method is by far the most popular and most widely used today. It entails the recording and study of earth waves reflected from

underlying strata. Determination of the time interval from the firing of the charge and the picking up of the reflected earth waves makes it possible to plot a reasonably accurate subterranean map showing the thickness, depth and angle of inclination of beds of material several thousand feet below the earth's surface.

Recording instruments, placed in a straight line, are located quite close to the point where the explosive charge is fired. The first may be only a few feet away. Explosive charges, therefore, need not be as heavy as in refraction shooting. They are placed in holes three to five inches in diameter and 50 to 250 feet deep.

Explosives used in seismic prospecting possess special essential qualities. They must be resistant to water since drill holes into which they are loaded are usually wet. They must be able to withstand high water pressures which could desensitize most types of explosives. They must also be firmly packaged so cartridges can be forced down through the mud and silt in drill holes without damage.

To ensure all these qualities are present and that the product meets the rigid specifications laid down for it, Canadian-made explosives are under constant test by experts at two

proving grounds; one at James Island, B.C., and the other at Beloit, Que. These localities are sites of two of the four explosive plants in Canada. Tests have been perfected which show exactly how efficiently an explosive will stand up under as much as 250 pounds water pressure to the square inch—a condition as rigorous as any likely to be encountered in the field.

Many oil men believe that western Canada's oil resources have barely been tapped and that far more oil lies waiting to be discovered. Under these circumstances a case of explosives now stored in magazines near Calgary or Edmonton could be the key to open up a new field even more fabulous than those at Leduc and Redwater.

## 1949 BLACK YEAR FOR ACCIDENTS IN MANITOBA

WINNIPEG—The year 1949 was the blackest in Manitoba's history for traffic accidents, a police commission report revealed.

Traffic deaths hit the 100 mark, 2,162 were injured, and 6,841 automobiles needed repairs totalling \$1,000,000 through accidents.

In 1948 87 persons were killed and 2,012 injured. Property damage was \$122,000 less. The damage figures cover the period up to Dec. 15.

Insurance underwriters have already announced a 10-per-cent increase in automobile insurance.

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## Coyotes Win War Of Nerves

DRUMHELLER, Alta. — Coyotes won their war of nerves recently from a Drumheller farmer with the aid of the farmer's dog.

The farmer said he heard sounds in his chicken coop early in the morning. He grabbed a shotgun to deal with the coyotes he expected, and crept toward the coop clad only in long underwear, shoes and a jacket.

As he peered cautiously around a corner a cold, wet nose nudged him from behind. With a whoop he fired toward the coop. Ten chickens fell dead, but no coyotes.

The cold nose belonged to the family dog which survived.

## FIRE PREVENTIVE

Lightning rods sometimes save many times their cost in fire prevention alone.

## Bankruptcies On Upswing

VICTORIA — Increase in bankruptcies during 1949 in Victoria and Nanaimo districts indicate businesses are beginning to feel the economic pinch.

## Sparrow Disappears

VANCOUVER — It may have been retribution for the nursery-rhyme slaying of Cock Robin when a sparrow became a gull's dinner. The small bird was picking food from the sidewalk when a seagull swooped down. The sparrow disappeared down the gull's hatch.

## UNDER TWO FLAGS

LITHBRIDGE, Alta. — Jerseys worn by referees of the Western Canada Junior Hockey League this season carry the insignia of both Alberta and Saskatchewan provinces and the initials of the two provinces' amateur hockey associations.

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**LOOK FOR CPR COACHES:** Plastic murals, as shown above, decorate the end walls of new Canadian Pacific Railway day coaches now being turned out. Featuring reclining chairs, extra-wide picture windows and an all-glass door separating the smoking compartment from the rest of the car, the new coaches are now rolling out of the CPR's Angus Shops in Montreal, and it is expected 84 of them will be in system-wide mainline service within the next eight months. Four murals like the one pictured here decorate the end walls of each car.



## How can I save money?

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### A Permanent Profile Agriculture

Permanency in agriculture is the goal that every farmer in Western Canada should work toward in 1950, and in the years ahead. It means an agriculture that is stable and secure for farm and farmer. It is a goal to be sought if Western Canada is to maintain its position as one of the major food-producing areas of the world.

*It Can Be Done.* Undoubtedly the most important factor leading to permanency in agriculture is the proper use and care of the soil. Our prairie soils are being depleted constantly by losses from erosion, and by crops that are being continually removed from them. These losses can be checked through the wise application of our knowledge about soil conservation, and through the use by western farmers of soil management and cropping practices that insure sustained production. In almost every community in the Prairie Provinces, farm practices have been devised, and are being used successfully by individuals, farmers, to prevent losses from soil erosion. In other words, it can be done.

*Many Problems Solved.* Tremendous strides have been made in recent years in bringing soil erosion under control. The farmer of today can offset, and on some soils more than offset, the factors of soil deterioration by the factors of soil improvement. To accomplish the balance between these forces he has many aids and practices: Crop rotation, green-manure crops, natural and mineral fertilizers, strip cropping, shelter belts, late cover-crops on summerfallow, the cultivation of fallows only with long blade or wide shovel cultivators that leave soil-protecting crop-refuse on the surface. And, for the inclusion with all these—as a part of them, in fact—he has forage crops. Around forage crops, prairie farmers can best organize their grain crop production so as to permit efficient farm practices that lead to the desired goal—permanency in agriculture.

We have enough good land left in this country to keep us prosperous if we conserve it while using it. But we must conserve it now, not next year, but in 1950. Yes, everybody in Western Canada has a stake in a permanent prairie agriculture.

### Testing Farmers' Seed For 1950

In successful grain crop production no single factor is more important than the use of good seed. The most careful cultivation, even of the best land, will not produce a good crop from poor seed. *Conditions Unfavourable.* This year, in many districts, drought, second growth, hail and frost will seriously affect the available supply of high quality seed-grain. This means loss to the farmer through reduced yields, lower grades and, in many cases, the necessity of buying new seed. In his own interest, every farmer should make sure that the grain he intends to use for seeding purposes in 1950 is satisfactory from the standpoint of germination, purity (freedom of weed seeds) and freedom from smut.

*Seed Laboratory.* To assist farmers in determining the quality and value of their own grain for seeding purposes the Line Elevator Company, through their Farm Service Department, operate a first-class seed testing laboratory. For the past ten years, this laboratory has provided a reliable seed testing service to the farmers of Western Canada, free of charge. More than 10,000 prairie farmers made full use of this service last year.

*Tests Offered.* Again this year, we will undertake to test farmers' seed samples of Wheat, Oats, Barley, Rye and Flax for: (1) Germination. (2) Smut and other seed-borne diseases. (3) Weed seeds. (4) Mechanical seed injury. (5) Purity of variety. The test for varietal purity is, however, confined to seed of wheat and barley.

*Seed Samples.* Farmers are invited to deliver seed samples (5 ounces of cleaned seed), which are truly representative of the seed to be tested, to their nearest Line Elevator Agent. Agents will provide seed envelopes, labels, etc., and forward the samples to Winnipeg for testing.

*Warning.* Seed tests made by Line Elevators Farm Service are not official government tests. The results of such tests cannot be used legally, when advertising seed for sale. If you want an official government test, send seed samples directly to the Plant Products Division (Seed Laboratory), Winnipeg, Saskatoon or Calgary.

## Locals

The army boys from the Waln-wright camp have been busy on manoeuvres up this way. If they call this Operation North Pole, we do not know, but as the boys are camping out in small tents during this bitter weather it looks like pretty rigorous training to us.

Not much news this week but if the long looked for warmer spell comes folks will be leaving their firesides and our share of local happenings will be normal once more. Also our ink may get thawed out.

We are none of us enjoying the fact that the R.R. has cut us down on the train service. However the R.R. seems to have its own troubles too. Last Saturday the local from the west arrived here at 8:30 p.m. instead of 10:53 a.m. The reason for this unusual delay was that several freight cars were derailed at Kinsella. The cold weather had caused a broken rail. We understand that a large consignment of tractors was smashed up and that several men riding in the caboose were injured. Also there was an engine derailed at Bremner the same day. It took so long to clear this line that the flyers had to be rerouted on the Mannville line.

We wonder if, in the Irma district, we have a record to equal this. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hanning, good neighbors of many years' standing, live about seven miles southeast of Mannville. For the past thirty years they, with their families, have spent Christmas together at the Bennett home, and New Years at the Hanning residence. We trust these folks will be privileged to continue to celebrate together for many more years to come.

Mr. Wm. Masson was a business visitor in Edmonton this week.

A bracing climate, ours.

Mr. D. H. Gunn is on the sick list this week. We trust he will soon be well and able to attend the open bonspiel as we will be looking for a report of the same for this paper.

A couple of Irma rinks are competing in the Viking Refrigerator Bonspiel. We understand that they are meeting with rather hard luck. Perhaps if the prize was a good, able-bodied furnace our boys would be able to put more enthusiasm into their game.

We are sorry to hear that when Mr. and Mrs. G. Hurst together with Mr. Hurst's sister were on their way to the funeral the late Mr. W. E. Walker, they had the misfortune to have a car accident. The Hurst car was proceeding along a through street in the city when it was struck broadside on by another car. Fortunately none of the occupants was injured, but Mr. Hurst's car was badly damaged.

We understand the rink comprised of Messrs. J. McKay, D. McKay, Alex Smallwood and K. Gulbraa was among the prize winners at the Hardisty bonspiel last week.

We are sorry to hear that Bobbie Anne Kirkman is a patient in the Viking hospital.

Mrs. J. C. McLean is over at Hardisty this week with her daughter, Mrs. Saville, who is ill.

The open bonspiel sponsored by the Irma Curling Club will begin on Tuesday, January 31. The fee will be \$1.00 per person or \$4.00 per rink.

## Want Ads

**FARM FOR SALE**—640 acres, 400 under cultivation, 10 miles south of Irma on School Bus route to Irma. 150 acres sown to Fall Rye. 75 Summer Fallow. 40 Fall Plowed. 135 Stubble. Considerable prairie to break. Soil Sandy Loam to heavy black. Buildings: School House hard wood floor. Barn, 14x28. Cud shed. No crop failures. Price \$7000.00. James A. Bell, R.R.3, Irma, Alberta.

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## Viking Items

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gares and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hookins left Tuesday for New Westminster, B.C.

At the annual meeting of St. Matthew's W.A. held on Thursday, January 12, the following officers were elected: President—Mrs. H. Childs; Vice President—Mrs. W. Lawes; Secretary—Mrs. E. Evans; Treasurer—Mrs. D. Kennedy; Dorcas Secretary—Mrs. C. Swaine.

Major Gray McLaren and Mrs. McLaren, after spending the week-end at the home of Mrs. H. McLaren left Tuesday for St. John, N.B., where they will board the Empress of France on Jan. 18 for London, England, where major McLaren will take a two-year course at the RCAMC. Bon voyage, Vivian Farquharson was home for a visit recently from her duties at the Royal Alex hospital. Const. Nordstrom of the RCMP was home for a few days visit.

Anyone interested in the Junior Grain Club should see Mr. O. Nissen or write him a letter and then plan on coming to a meeting at the Pool elevator office on Saturday, January 28, at 2:30 p.m.

Of the nearly 100 daily newspapers published in Canada, 83 are English-language papers, 11 are French-language papers, 4 are Chinese and 2 are Yiddish.

## AMA WAGES FIGHT FOR LICENSE FEE CUTS

Fresh demands on the provincial government for a substantial cut in motor car license fees will be made by the AMA.

At its recent annual meeting in Edmonton, the AMA decided to make further representations to the provincial authorities in seeking lower license fees. The resolution urges the province to put Alberta fees more in accordance with those elsewhere in Canada.

Alberta now has the highest license fees in the dominion. It is contended by the AMA that motorists are fully entitled to a substantial reduction.

As the provincial budget for the next fiscal year which opens on April 1, 1950, now is in course of preparation, the AMA will make known its request to the provincial authorities without delay.

In the fiscal year ended March 31, last, the provincial revenues from motor vehicle license fees were in excess of 13,000,000. This included \$4,775,876 from automobile and truck licenses and \$8,577,567 from the Fuel Oil Tax Act or gasoline tax. The latter item was \$1,577,567 more than had been estimated.

This year, with registrations largely increased, it is apparent that the province will collect more than \$5,000,000 from motor vehicle licenses alone.

The AMA says it is time this high license rate was reduced.

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Drivers of Motor Vehicles are hereby warned that the provisions of Section 56 must be strictly adhered to otherwise they will be liable to prosecution and subsequent penalties on conviction.

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R. C. Arthurs  
Deputy Provincial Secretary

Honourable C. E. Gerhart  
PROVINCIAL SECRETARY